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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Friday, January 25, 2019

1:00pm

Room 451-M

Members

*Senator Patricia Rucker, Chair
*Senator Craig Blair, Vice Chair
*Senator Mike Azinger
*Senator Stephen Baldwin
*Senator Robert Beach
Senator Donna Boley
*Senator Sue Cline
* Senator Mark Maynard
*Senator Robert Plymale
*Senator Rollan Roberts
*Senator Mike Romano
* Senators Ron Stollings
*Senator Charles S. Trump
*Senator John Unger

*Denotes Attendance

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Education met on January 25, 2019 at 1:00pm in Room 451-M.

The Clerk took a silent roll call to establish quorum.

On the motion of Senator Blair, the minutes of the January 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

Originating Bill 1 relating to comprehensive education reform was discussed.

Hank Hager, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

With leave of the committee, Emily Shultz, National Alliance for Public Schools on Charters, was administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee, and responded to questions.

Senator Romano moved to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Romano demanded the yeas and nays.

On the adoption of the motion, the yeas were: Senators Baldwin, Beach, Plymale, Romano, Stollings and Unger-6. The nays were: Senators Azinger, Blair, Cline, Maynard, Roberts, Trump, and Rucker-7. With less than a majority of the members having voted in the affirmative, the motion was rejected.

With leave of the committee, Rachelle Engen, Institute for Justice, was administered the oath prescribed in Senate Rule 28a by Chair Rucker, addressed the committee and responded to questions.

Senator Trump moved to amend the bill to keep the current maximum student to teacher ratio.

Without objection, Senator Trump withdrew the amendment.

Without objection, the language of the bill was agreed to.

Senator Blair moved to report Originating Bill 1 to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the further recommendation that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Stollings demanded the yeas and nays.

(Note: The following Senators requested not to be listed as sponsors of the bill: Senators Unger, Romano, Beach, Baldwin, Stollings and Plymale.)

On the adoption of the motion, the yeas were: Senators Azinger, Blair, Cline, Maynard, Roberts, Trump, and Rucker-7. The nays were: Senators Baldwin, Beach, Romano, Stollings, Unger-5. With more than a majority having voted in the affirmative, Chair Rucker declared the motion adopted.

On the motion of Senator Blair, the meeting was adjourned.